



HQ perspective, at least that of a Program Scientist...

Ken Jucks, GSFC DAAC PS

Initial Users Working Group meeting
Greenbelt, MD
28-29 April, 2009



What is the DAAC all about?



- ◆ It provides a service to the scientific community!
 - *It is our primary route for making our data publicly available.*
- ◆ It exists to facilitate the maximum science return from the various NASA data sets.
 - *Dollars are always limited, we always try to do the best for the least.*
- ◆ It needs to be responsive to the occasionally fast changes in how science is done.
 - *When someone comes up with a new way to use and display data that is truly useful, everyone wants it!*
- ◆ It is a critical arm of all of our mission projects.
 - *Contrary to what some upper management may think, space missions are a waste of money if people can't use the data!*



Why are we here?



- ◆ To help the DAAC do it's job as well as it can.
- ◆ To help the DAAC know the areas where it is working well and where it may need change.
- ◆ To act as a conduit from the community to the DAAC for ideas to improve their service to the community.
- ◆ Ultimately, the goal is to maximize the science return from NASA's investments.

- ◆ No idea is out of bounds, but some may not be affordable or feasible.
- ◆ We're not trying to solve the DAAC worlds problems overnight, but to start the dialog to make a difference.
- ◆ If we feel we need other individuals here, especially from outside the centers, let us know!
- ◆ We're a team here!



What are our roles?



- ♦ Me: your advocate route for the science community with the GSFC DAAC, their funder (Martha), and the PSs for the other DAACS.
- ♦ Steve: listen to y'all, and use me as a sounding board for the best way to operate the DAAC.
- ♦ Martha: balance all the needs of the data systems within her available budget.
- ♦ You: represent the users of the DAAC.....the most important people!